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Column One
By David Courtney

ESPIONAGE is an ancient and disreputable practice. There are many variants of it; few of them come up to the expectations of the readers of sensational fiction; most of them are composed of men mildly inquisitive in the interests of their government and any good newspaper man is likely, in the rest of his work as a reporter, to gather more facts about the country to which he is assigned than any half dozen of the routine intelligent 'agents.' It is more than probable that Mr. Oatis, the A.P. correspondent in Prague, was better informed on the affairs of Czechoslovakia than the Czech government found comfortable; but that could be said of almost any international newspaper correspondent in relation to the government within whose compound he operates.

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THE Oatis trial has been accompanied by the usual confession. It is hard to accept these confessions as genuine or to understand their purpose. To begin with, it is hard to understand why the Prague government should want to stage the arrest and trial of a U.S. newspaper correspondent unless in fact it has strong reason to suspect a crime against the State's security. Lacking that reason, what benefit does the Prague government hope to obtain from a trial and sentence which it must know will be held suspect outside its borders and possibly within? The Budapest trial of Archbishop Grosz was quite another matter. The Archbishop and the whole hierarchy of the Catholic Church are openly, in principle and practice, hostile to the present Governments of Eastern Europe. Through their faith they exercise immense popular influence. If not a source of counter-revolution they are a repository for the counter-revolutionary spirit and the ark of the counter-revolutionary covenant.

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BUT Mr. Oatis comes nowhere within this or any comparable category. Perhaps the Czech government, encouraged by the experience of the Hungarians, who hastened Mr. Voegler's freedom for very practical U.S. concessions, thinks to hold Mr. Oatis up to similar ransom. But that would argue a value placed upon the correspondent's life, or a commitment to him, on the part of America. It is a curious distortion of international law and practice which secures the release of a foreign national sentenced for a crime against the State, because the prisoner's own Government is willing to ransom him. The custom was common enough between sovereign States and princes in the early Middle Ages, and its revival may be one of the signs which herald a more general retracing of our steps towards the Middle Ages.

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THE foreign correspondent, unless ready to act merely as the cleft stick in which 'press releases' are carried to the outer world, is not usually much loved by the official institutions of his parish. Nowadays, with every government suspicious of every other and the whole world driven by an hysteria of hate and fear, the correspondent comes more and more under suspicion. The case of Mr. Oatis is extreme; usually the offending correspondent is merely expelled. In any case, it has been clearly demonstrated that a responsible newspaper man, in very many countries today, maintains his integrity at his peril.

Tel Aviv, July 5.

GREEK ELECTIONS EXPECTED

ATHENS, Wednesday (Reuter). — The Greek Premier, Mr. Sophocles Venizelos, said after talks with King Paul yesterday that the King had told him the only solution to the Greek political crisis was a general election.

The King asked him to carry on with an all-Liberal cabinet to pass a new electoral law to dissolve the parliament and proclaim elections as soon as possible.

Prime Minister Venizelos' coalition cabinet resigned on Sunday, but later King Paul, complaining he had sworn in 13 cabinets in four years, refused to accept the resignation.

200,000 Appeals On Election Roster

The Cabinet at its weekly meeting in Jerusalem yesterday discussed the problem of appeals against voters' lists and heard a report by the Minister of Finance, Mr. Eliezer Kaplan, who recently returned from the U.S.

It also disclosed that the Minister of Trade and Industry, Mr. Yaakov Geri, would leave today for the U.S. to aid the Independence Bond drive. Mr. Kaplan will temporarily assume Mr. Geri's post.

A Government spokesman, noting that the deadline for voters' appeals expired last night, reported that more than 200,000 requests had been received by the Appeals Committee at Hakirya by Tuesday night. Of these, about 70,000 had already been acted upon.

According to law, all appeals must be answered by July 14, and the spokesman said it was hoped that this requirement would be met. Some 400 workers are employed in three shifts to handle the appeals, and a special daily courier service is maintained to forward certain appeals to district election boards for speedier investigation.

The spokesman pointed out that because of the elaborate preparations that had been made for the election it would henceforth be possible to hold an election in three or four weeks' time. As part of these preparations, it was pointed out, 200,000 applications for identity cards were submitted in May and most of them were issued by the end of June.

Hakirya Circus

The Hakirya Circus is the name given to the special offices of the Central Election Committee where 400 clerk are now examining the 200,000 appeals by prospective voters.

Hakirya's cafeteria hall and the adjacent garden have been fenced off and temporary booths put up in the grounds giving the appearance of a circus park.

The 400 clerks include about 100 secondary school graduates who have just finished their studies and a similar number of officials temporarily seconded from other departments.

Supply Situation

A discussion on the supply of clothing, footwear and raw materials, was continued, but not concluded. The Cabinet confirmed the appointment of nine members to the 25-man temporary council of the Magen David Adom. President Weizmann has named Dr. A. Barth, Managing Director of the Bank Leumi Le'Israel, as President of the council.

In reporting on the progress of the bond drive and the United Jewish Appeal in the U.S., Mr. Kaplan expressed the belief that this year's goal would be reached, although the sums were not specified. The Minister disclosed that $65m. in commitments for the purchase of bonds had been received up to now and these pledges would be honoured by the end of the year.

Regarding the Cabinet's discussion on supplies the spokesman said that it was understood that additional footwear points would be released this month and that the supply was assured. Long-range plans on the supplies of raw materials also came up at the meeting, which was attended by the Economic Adviser, Mr. David Horowitz; the Trade Adviser, Mr. H. Hollander; and the Control Commissioner, Mr. Zvi Shariv.

Cabinet Communique

The official communique on the Cabinet meeting said:

At its regular weekly meeting yesterday, the Cabinet heard the Minister of Labour's report on the accident at the Even Yehuda quarry, and delegated all authority (under the Investigating Committees Law) to the committee appointed by the Minister to ascertain the causes of the accident, the persons responsible for it, and the measures to be taken to prevent its recurrence.

The situation prevailing in the presentation of appeals against the voters register was discussed.

In accordance with the Magen David Adom Law, the Cabinet approved the appointment of nine members to the organisation's temporary Council.

The Minister of Finance surveyed his activities in the U.S. for the United Jewish Appeal and the Independence Loan drives, and it was decided that Mr. Y.M. Geri, the Minister of Trade and Industry, go abroad to participate in the Independence Bond campaign.

The clothing, footwear and raw materials supply situations were discussed.

HIT-RUN DRIVER SENT TO JAIL

Niman Ben David Cohel, 28, was sentenced to five weeks in prison by Jerusalem Magistrate E. Mack yesterday, for injuring Mr. Albert Samuel when he negligently ran up the pavement in Zion Square, Jerusalem, last October.

Cohel, who was driving his truck without a licence, was accused by the Police of having continued in the direction of the Generali Building without investigating the accident.

The efforts of a policeman in Mamilla Road to wave the truck to a stop, were ignored, it was stated. Not until a civilian driver, ordered by the constable to give chase, overtook Cohel did the latter come to a stop.

The accused pleaded, "I didn't know I had hurt anyone."

Sweeping Probe Into Explosion

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Funeral services for the eight workers killed in the Castel quarry blast on Tuesday were held in Jerusalem and Abu Ghosh yesterday as twin investigations pushed ahead to determine the cause of the disaster. The Cabinet at its regular meeting yesterday heard a report on the accident from Mrs. Golda Myerson, the Minister of Labour.

A Ministry committee that began to study the case a few hours after it occurred was given sweeping powers in accordance with the Ordinance on Investigation Committees. It has been commissioned to determine the reasons for the explosion; to discover what individuals, if any, were responsible for it; and to take the necessary steps to avoid recurrences. It will also decide whether the laws concerning the storage of explosives were observed.

A Government spokesman said that the committee was given special authority because of the dimensions of the tragedy. The investigation should be completed in two or three days, the spokesman said.

Investigation Under Way

The Jerusalem police continued its investigation, taking statements from the quarry employees who were near the scene of the explosions, and revisiting the quarry in search of evidence.

It was learned that the most telling testimony will only be forthcoming either today or tomorrow when the six survivors in the Hadassah and Shaarei Zedek Hospitals are questioned. Two men are still in a critical condition, while four are in a serious condition. Doctors have not permitted interrogation up to now.

Hundreds of persons attended the funeral services at the Bikur Holim mortuary for seven of the victims. Earlier, the body of Yussef Mahmoud el Hamid Bashir was taken by members of his family to Abu Ghosh, where he was buried.

Burial in Sanhedria

Wrapped in the traditional shrouds, the remains of the seven men were placed on stretchers in the courtyard, while the funeral prayers were pronounced. The stretchers were then placed on two trucks which drove slowly to the Sanhedria cemetery to be buried in a common grave.

Large delegations of the Histadrut Building Workers Union attended, including Mr. Haim Flechser, head of the Union, who also represented the Histadrut Executive, and Mr. Moshe Baram, Chairman of Jerusalem Histadrut. Both officials expressed the Histadrut's condolences to the families of the victims and urged their workers to exercise the maximum amount of precautions to prevent future tragedies.

"Seventeen persons lost their lives last week, nearly all of them in accidents caused by negligence and lack of respect for human life," the afternoon daily, "Ma'ariv," broke in its editorial column yesterday.

"Whether they were the eight victims of the Castel explosion, or the three persons killed in the South because of a misunderstanding between two groups of watchmen, or the two persons drowned in the North, or two who were killed on a road near Tel Aviv because of negligent driving," they were the victims of nothing but carelessness and negligence," the paper continued.

"Almost all of these deaths were futile, and their total is shocking. The hardening effect of so many fatalities within one week should serve as a stringent warning. The time has come for the powers that be to draw conclusions from the situation, and to take measures to prevent further occurrences such as these. But as much as we need administrative action, we need a widespread and comprehensive educational campaign to increase the public's respect for human life. The goal is thrice difficult during the period of an election campaign and its consequent torrent of mutual defamation.

"But this is not sufficient reason for delaying this crusade against the sort of irresponsibility which demands its daily toll in human life," Ma'ariv concluded.

Those buried in Jerusalem yesterday were:

Foreman YITZHAK GELMAN, 46, who had worked in the quarries for many years and is survived by a wife and two children. He was about to be transferred to direct blasting operations at the Ein-yanel Ha'Ozera.

PINHAS PAUKER, who was to replace Mr. Gelman. He arrived in the country eight months ago from Rumania where he was a recognised expert in quarry operations. He lived with his family in the Mattay ma'abara.

YITZHAK NISSAN, 38, who emigrated from Turkey two years ago and had worked in the quarry for more than a year. He leaves a wife and four children.

YITZHAK YAAKOV, 32, had lived with his wife and child in the Castel ma'abara after arriving from Iraq four months ago.

EZON BABI, 44, who worked at the quarry for 14 years, and leaves a wife and eight children.

BINYAMIN GABIR, 25, who arrived from Iraq with the wife and child four months ago, and lived in the Castel ma'abara.

DAVID ABULAI, 19, unmarried, who worked at the quarry for over a year.

Israel Urges Elimination Of Neutral Areas on Jordan Border

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Registration of occupied houses in Jerusalem's no-man's-land was started yesterday by a sub-committee of the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission. The registration, when completed, may lead to a permanent solution of a trouble spot in which tens of lives were lost during the past three years.

A few weeks ago, the Israel delegate to the MAC proposed a general division of the remaining two no-man's-land areas between the Israel and Jordan lines—the one in Jerusalem, which includes the former Government House, and that in the Latrun area, which includes a stretch of the old Jerusalem-Tel Aviv road.

Jordan has not yet replied to Israel's proposal, but the question was taken up again from another angle this week when the Armistice Commission took up three mutual complaints on occupation of houses in the Jerusalem neutral area and a protest against the killing of an Israeli by the Arab Legion in Musrara last week.

Detailed Map

To avoid the recurrence of similar incidents, the Commission decided to register and mark down on a detailed map all houses in the no-man's-land occupied now by either Jews or Arabs. It is understood that each side will recognize the occupation of houses by citizens of the other side and will not fire on people entering or leaving these houses.

It is expected that the registration will be completed today.

Border Patrol Turns Back Infiltrators

HAIFA, Wednesday. — A police patrol clashed with a gang of infiltrators near the northern frontier yesterday morning and put them to flight after an exchange of fire.

Two wounded Arabs were taken to the Rothschild Hospital in Haifa, and one was found dead. Shotgun cartridges, gunpowder and rifle bullets were lying beside his body.

RAMLE, Wednesday (ITIM).—Nobody was hurt when eight shots were fired from Arab Legion positions near Latrun at an Israel Army vehicle today.

Irrigation Worker Found Dead

KFAR SABA, Wednesday.—Two workers of Ein Vered village, near Tel Mond, going out at midnight to take over the shift on irrigation work from Mr. Ya'acov Fixler, found his body lying on the ground about a kilometre from the village. He had been shot with a rifle.

Mr. Fixler, 46, leaves a wife and daughter, they came to Israel from Czechoslovakia 18 months ago.

A number of thefts were reported in the Sharon area last night. It is believed that the thieves came upon Mr. Fixler at work while they were moving about the area, and shot him.

Prague Jails U.S. Reporter For 10 Years

PRAGUE, Wednesday (UP). — The State Court today sentenced Mr. William Oatis, A.P. correspondent in Prague who earlier confessed to being a spy, to ten years imprisonment for espionage.

Three Czechoslovaks employed by A.P. were convicted on similiar charges and sentenced to prison terms ranging from 16 to 20 years. All the defendants gave notice of their intention to lodge appeals. The hearings ended yesterday and there had been some speculation as to the nature of the sentences to be imposed, as the accused were liable to the death sentence.

Mr. Oatis, a 37-year old American from Marion, Indiana, will be expelled from Czechoslovakia on release from prison. He will be eligible for release after serving half his sentence.

A.P. Statement

The Associated Press in New York stated that it would use "all the means available to seek his release." His conviction, it said, was "strictly a formality and a foregone conclusion," and "the procedure which the Czech authorities cynically term a 'trial' was a sham and a mockery of elemental justice."

Actually, the A. P. statement added, the evidence produced showed only that Mr. Oatis was engaged in the legitimate pursuit of gathering news as free people understand it — "and the twisted and distorted constructions placed on it by the prosecutor are revolting to anyone grounded in democratic institutions and principles.

"The Associated Press will continue by all means available to seek Mr. Oatis' release from this cruel and unjust detention. We are confident that we shall have the assistance of freedom-loving people everywhere."

NATO Chief Asks Federated Europe

LONDON, Wednesday (Reuter). — General Dwight D. Eisenhower challenged the free nations of Europe last night to federate and rid themselves of their "patchwork territorial fences." He warned the resources of Europe were seriously strained to make even the minimum essential security effort, handicapped as they were by national frontiers.

"Establishment of a workable European Federation," he said, would go far to create confidence that Europe was doing its full share in building adequate defences. At the same time it would continue "the march of human betterment."

European unity, he added, would mean early independence of aid from the U.S. and other American countries.

A soldier's reaction to the federation idea was that it should be attacked by "direct and decisive assault with all available means," he said.

Social Democrats Win in Finland

HELSINKI, Wednesday (Reuter).—The Social Democrats have won Finland's free general election, displacing the Agrarian Party, led by former Premier Kekkonen. But the People's Democrats, a merger of Communists and left-wing socialists, have gained and are likely to press for seats in the new cabinet.

Preliminary results subject to correction when returns from the outlying constituencies come in, show the Social Democrats won 54 seats, the same number as they held in the old parliament. The Agrarians won 53, compared with 56, the People's Democrats 42 compared with 38, the Conservatives 27, compared with 33, the Swedish People's Party 13, compared with 14, and the new Finnish People's Party ten, compared with the five seats held formerly by the Liberals which the new party replaces.

LICENCE NEEDED FOR PRODUCE

The Food Controller has forbidden the purchase of vegetables from farmers or agricultural organizations and their transport without a licence. This ruling follows the shortage of fruits and vegetables caused by the winter drought and the spread of plant diseases during the spring.

Certain quantities of fruits and vegetables are not being marketed through the established channels, the Ministry of Agriculture said yesterday in announcing the new order.

China Asks for First Meeting on Sunday

TOKYO, Wednesday, (Reuter). — The Communist Commanders in Korea today agreed to meet junior Allied officers at Kaesong to arrange the technical details for cease-fire talks. The Communist message—broadcast in English by Peking Radio—stipulated July 8, instead of tomorrow as suggested by General Ridgway. It was expected that the U.N. Commander would accept the Communist proposal.

The Communist move to delay the talks for several days was earlier explained by Peking Radio as resulting from "transport and communication difficulties" — an explanation which was considered credible by Allied observers.

The official broad message broadcast by Peking Radio on behalf of the North Korean and Chinese Comanders, said:

"Your reply to us, dated July 3, has been received. To ensure efficient arrangement of the many details connected with a first meeting of the representatives of both parties, we agree to your proposal that both parties each send three liaison officers to the Kaesong area, to conduct a preliminary meeting.

"If you agree, we propose that the time for a meeting of liaison officers of both parties be fixed for July 8. We have already informed the commanders of our forces in the Kaesong area, to receive your liaison officers."

Peking Warning

In a commentary, however, Peking Radio warned that though a cease-fire and armistice in Korea had become possible, "the Chinese people must not relax their efforts in building up national defence. Only by so doing can our territory of Taiwan (Formosa) Island be recaptured and possible aggressive plots of imperialism be defeated."

The three U.N. liaison officers for the preliminary conference will fly from Kimpo airfield, just outside Seoul, to Kaesong by helicopter or travel in an unarmed jeep convoy if the weather is bad.

From Singapore it was reported that Peking Radio interrupted an English news programme to announce the Communist reply. The flash added: "We have already informed commanders of our forces in the Kaesong area to prepare to receive liaison officials."

Truman: Korea 'Showed World'

WASHINGTON, Wednesday (UP). — The Korean war has shown the world that the U.N. Charter is not just a scrap of paper, Mr. Truman said here tonight.

In an address commemorating the 175th anniversary of the U.S. Declaration of Independence, the President said the U.N. forces in Korea may have victory in their hands but the U.S. and the rest of the world must keep their guards up. He warned of the danger of military aggression in other parts of the world.

Referring to the American War of Independence, the President said: "We did not fight that war to drive the British out of the North American continent nor to destroy the military power of England or to wipe out the British Empire. We fought it for the simple, limited aim of securing the right to be free, the right to govern ourselves.

"It is much the same in Korea. We are not fighting there to conquer China or to destroy the Soviet Empire. We are fighting for a simple aim, the aim of securing the right of the nations to live in peace."

Addressing part of his remarks to the U.N. forces fighting in Korea, he said: "Men of the armed forces in Korea: You will go down in history as the first army to fight under the flag of a world organization in defence of human freedom. You fought well and without reproach. You enslaved no free man, you destroyed no free nation, you are our country's blood. Victory may be in your hands but you are winning a greater thing—than victory, for you are vindicating the idea of freedom under international law. This is an achievement which serves all mankind for it has brought all men closer to their goal of peace. It is an achievement that may well prove to be the turning point in world history."

BRITAIN TO WARN SOUTH KOREA

LONDON, Wednesday (UP). —Diplomatic representations are being made to the South Korean Government regarding its statements that it intends to ignore any cease-fire agreement in Korea, Mr. Ernest Davies, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, told the House of Commons today.

Mr. J.B. Hind, Labour, asked whether the Government had seen such statements by the South Korean Government and what it intends to do about them.

"I have seen the irresponsible statements and appropriate steps are being taken through diplomatic channels, Mr. Davies replied.

Earlier, Mr. Davies told the House that Britain was satisfied that Japan was imposing a satisfactory embargo on war goods to Communist China.

Three-Point Platform Offered by Myerson

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — A three-point Mapai party programme for the State was outlined by Mrs. Golda Myerson, the Minister of Labour, in her first election speech here tonight:

1) unrestricted immigration;

2) rationing of goods in short supply, and

3) the investment of available foreign currency in long-range development programmes rather than in food purchases.

"This means that there will be no better life for everybody immediately after the elections, but it is consistent with the good of the State and is the only possible policy for Jews who love their fellow-Jews," she said.

Mrs. Myerson was speaking at a Mapai-sponsored meeting of artisans. Her party would not compromise on these three points when forming a Coalition Cabinet, though it might compromise on other matters, she said.

"Mrs. Myerson said Mapai meant to learn from past mistakes. The Government official would have to know he is a public servant.

"We do not want to annihilate any economic component of society," she said, "except the profiteer."

This country had a Zionist cause to carry out and could not tolerate those who made money out of the Ingathering of the Exiles.

Little Action In Korea

TOKYO, Wednesday (Reuter). — Fighting almost died away today on the western and eastern Korean fronts, but Allied and Communist troops grappled savagely for hills and ridges south of Pyonggang through the night. The Eighth Army reported a "sharp decrease" in artillery and mortar exchanges at either end of the line.

East of Kaesong, where cease-fire talks are expected to begin over the weekend, Allied troops reported receiving long-range small-arms fire from small Communist forces.

A U.S. task force celebrated Independence Day early this morning by destroying strong bunkered positions south of Pyonggang — apex of the former Communist "triangle."

Four Day Fight

Communist infantry withdrew after four days of heavy fighting. It was believed one Chinese army group on the western front had been relieved and was regrouping. Poor weather curtailed air action.

Lt. General James van Fleet, commander of the 8th Army in Korea, today praised the "men from all corners of the earth" fighting under "the United Nations banner of the magnificent 8th Army." He was commemorating the anniversary of the opening of the U.N. action in Korea.

"The month of July—significant in America's pursuit of independence—marks another anniversary in the struggle of free people to safeguard their freedom," General van Fleet said. The enemy had been jolted with a high powered punch, from a superior soldier, the world's finest infantrymen, he added.

Persia Tells Abadan Manager To Leave Home

TEHERAN, Wednesday. (Reuter).—The Persian Government has told the temporary manager of the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company in Abadan to quit his house immediately in order to allow Persian officials to move in, British sources said here today. The Persians also told Mr. Mason that if he wished to stay in the service of the Persian Government he would be welcome, the sources added.

The evacuation order and offer of employment were contained in a letter sent to Mr. Mason by the Persian "Board of Management."

Mr. Mason is at present staying in the house formerly occupied by Mr. Eric Drake, general manager of the refinery, who is now in London.

The newspaper "Bakhtar Emrods" said last night a preliminary indictment charging Anglo-Iranian Oil Company officials with "illegal operations" was being prepared by the Public Prosecutor's office here. The paper, owned and edited by the Persian deputy-Premier, Hussein Fatemi, said no public statement on the matter was expected until the chief government attorney had finally decided on it.

The indictment was being prepared after examination of documents discovered in police raids on the British-owned company's information office and on the town house of its chief representative, Mr. Richard Seddon, the newspaper reported. Later last night it was reported that police had begun to examine the contents of all safes at Mr. Seddon's house. After the raid on the house, the Persians alleged that information office activities had been carried on there after the Persian closing of the office itself.

A special "call to the faithful to pray for the life and health of the Shah of Persia," was issued from the gold-tipped turrets of Teheran this morning as the 51-year-old Shah was due to enter hospital for an operation.

The operation will be carried out tomorrow by Dr. Frank Glenn, chief surgeon of a New York hospital.

The announcement that he will be assisted by three other eminent New York surgeons and a special team of American nurses, is causing anxiety here over the state of the Shah's health, despite official assurances that the operation is only for "appendicitis and a general check-up."

Loss of Persian Oil Would Hit U.S.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, (Reuter). — The loss of Persian oil would confront the U.S. with a "very tight situation" and might force a drastic readjustment in distribution, Mr. Charles Wilson, Director of Defence Mobilization, reported today. He, he said, he did not believe it would necessitate petrol rationing.

Mr. Wilson, in his second quarterly report to Congress, said that with the possibility of a reduced supply from the Middle East steps were being taken to expand America's own petroleum output and reserves.

Military Goals

Deliveries of equipment and supplies to the forces were now three times those of a year ago and exceeded $4,000 million in the past three months, he added. There were at least two years of intensive labour ahead of the American nation before it could reach its present goals of military strength and productive power, Mr. Wilson warned. The build-up of some of her requirements might take even longer.

Mr. Wilson described the Middle East and Asia as one of the three critical areas where the free world should begin to strengthen its defences in the face of Communist aggression. He said the attainment of stability and relative security throughout the vast circle of lands which lie to the East and South of the Soviet world is a long-term challenge to the leaders of those countries to the nations of Western Europe who have centuries-old economic ties with Asia, to the U.S., as the source of leadership and technical and economic assistance, and to the U.N. as the collective instrument of all the people of the globe.

LUNCHEON at the KING DAVID HOTEL

Social & Personal

President Weizmann yesterday sent greetings to President Truman on the occasion of the 175th anniversary of American independence. The Foreign Minister, Mr. Moshe Sharett, sent greetings to the U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson.

Mr. Marc Chagall and Mrs. Chagall were received by President and Mrs. Weizmann at Rehovot on Tuesday. The artist and his wife were accompanied by Mr. Mattes Mokady, head of the Fine Arts Division of the Ministry of Education.

The United States Ambassador, Mr. Monnett B. Davis, gave a Fourth of July party at his residence in Ramat Gan yesterday for the Embassy staff and invited guests. Another U.S. Independence Day party is to be held at the Pitt Cafe by the Israel-American Friendship League this evening. The Y.M.C.A. in Jerusalem gave a dance last night for American citizens living in Jerusalem.

Mr. Justice Assaf was welcomed back to the Bench by Dr. Smoira, President of the Supreme Court, and other members of the President's chambers yesterday.

The Hon. Joseph L. Kun, President of the Court of Common Pleas in Philadelphia, visited the Tel Aviv District Court yesterday and sat on the bench with Judge S. Kastan during a criminal case. Judge Kun and Mrs. Kun were also entertained by Prof. A.H. Fraenkel and Mrs. Fraenkel at their home in Jerusalem. Among those present were Dr. Smoira, President of the Supreme Court, and others.

Mr. Charles Rosenbloom, Chairman of the Bonds for Israel in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Mrs. Rosenbloom, on their annual visit to Israel, are at the King David Hotel.

Mr. Haim Radai, Secretary-General of the Ministry of Defence, has left his post in the Ministry for the month of July to join the Directorate of the Central Elections Committee.

The American Christian Palestine Committee were the guests of the American Fund for Israel Institutions on a tour of Tel Aviv yesterday. They visited, among other places, the Tel Aviv Museum and the home of the artist Mr. Reuven Rubin.

Dr. K. Pyllak, an Israeli now serving as financial adviser to Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia, arrived on Tuesday night to enlist technical and medical experts for Ethiopia.

A group of American Reform Rabbis, headed by Rabbi Philip Bernstein, will be received at the Jerusalem Municipality at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Mr. Lee Strassberg, U.S. theatre director, has arrived in Israel to direct Habimah in its forthcoming production of Lorca's "The House of Bernarda Alba."

Mr. Jack Raphael of Tel Aviv has left for England to attend the conference of the International Optical League as the delegate of Israel optometrists.

Mrs. Esther Kisch Asaf, matron of the W.I.Z.O. Mothercraft Training Centre in Tel Aviv, has returned from a four-month mission to South Africa, the Belgian Congo and Belgium.

The Danish football players of Aarhus Gymnastikforening of 1880 have presented a miniature Danish flag mounted on a marble base and a letter of appreciation to the Jerusalem Municipality for the reception tendered the team.

Mr. H.Y. Natan, Managing Director of the Mera Trading Co. Ltd., left by air on a business trip to Europe and the U.S.A.

EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY

The staff of "Abic" Ltd., Ramat Gan, wish to express their deepfelt sympathy to their manager, Dr. Yoel Ben-Twina on the death of his brother.

Owing to private parties, the Pitz Cafe, Tel Aviv, will be closed to the public tonight and on Friday afternoon, July 6. (Advt.)

OBITUARY

Dr. Jacob Michlin

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — The death occurred here today of Dr. Jacob Michlin, at the age of 55. He leaves a wife, two sons and a daughter. The funeral took place at the Nachlat Yitzhak cemetery this afternoon.

Dr. Michlin, who was born in Jerusalem and educated at the English College, Jerusalem, the American University of Beirut, and the Sorbonne and Lausanne Universities, was one of the founders of the Palestine Pharmaceutical Association and a member of the executive committee of the Magen David Adom Society. He had served as President of the Organization of Israel-born Jews and had also served as a magistrate in Tel Aviv.

Dr. Michlin was active in B'nai B'rith and Masonic affairs.

The Hebrew National OPERA
TEL AVIV: Rigoletto Tuesday, July 10, 8.30 p.m.
HAIFA: Aida Thursday, July 12, 8 p.m.
JERUSALEM: Aida Thursday, August 2, 8 p.m.
Samson & Delilah
Opens 10 p.m. (4 seasons) by Saint-Saens with
EDIS DE PHILIPPE
Conductor: E. GOLDSCHMIDT

Little Known Labour Schools An Experiment in Education

By Our Labour Correspondent

Two advertisements in a recent issue of "Davar," the daily of the Histadrut, throw light on one of the most important but least publicized activities of the Labour movement. The first advertisement announces a year-long "seminar" where people will be taught economics and learn of Histadrut enterprises through first hand experience. The Histadrut pays the board and lodging of the pupils and if necessary gives assistance to their families. Candidates for this course must have the endorsement of one of the Histadrut institutions.

The second advertisement instructs Persian immigrants who have been selected for a short instruction course to report at a special adult-education school. This school devised by the Histadrut for its members long before mass immigration started, is today the centre of educational work among immigrants. This important attempt to integrate the newcomers into the community, is to be compared only with the "Ulpanim" for teaching Hebrew.

Immigrant Integration

Social, economic and cultural integration of the immigrants depends to a large extent on their cooperation. As long as they are content to remain simply the objects of the activities of the authorities there is not much hope that the unique experiment of fitting these masses into the Israel pattern of life will succeed. It can succeed only if the immigrants themselves can be taught to show their own initiative and to rely on their own resources. But this is possible only if the gulf dividing them from the old-timers, who often come from other countries and think on different lines can be bridged. It is most easily bridged by special persons from the immigrants' own ranks.

Necessity has forced the labour exchanges and many other Histadrut institutions which care for the immigrants to find people who know non-European languages among immigrants from Europe. Yiddish could almost invariably be used as the lingua franca which helped during the first months. But Yiddish is of no use for many who come from North Africa and from the Arab countries. The Temenites were fortunate because among the older community which has been living here for a generation interpreters and "Madrihim" could be found. Now the same problem has to be solved for the people from Iraq, Iran, Morocco and Tunis.

Choice of Students

It is solved, at least partially, by picking out of the masses of immigrants people with a higher education. It is easier to teach these the elements of Israel life than to those who are foreign to Western ways of life. Thus groups of persons are formed who can instruct the others. That the Histadrut has decided to organize a whole year course on economic matters is a result of the unprecedented expansion of the trade unions and economic enterprises of the Histadrut. As everywhere else in the country the Histadrut is short of people who can serve the complicated machine of the organization. And with the economic weight of the Histadrut increasing more and more a breakdown can only be avoided if new people are trained for work in the institutions, cooperatives and settlements. That the Histadrut is able to find the means for such an ambitious enterprise shows its phenomenal growth.

It can be asked why this sort of work is done by the Histadrut only, thus acquiring a political tint. The answer should be that other institutions should go in for adult education on a large scale. We shall be unable to cope with the problems of immigration by means of education methods known in developed countries with a fairly stable population. The Histadrut shows that other ways can be found. They could be used successfully by other institutions.

Old Shfar Am Has New Council

The first meeting of the Town Council of the Arab township of Shfar Am will take place today.

The population of 4,200 is equally divided between Christians and Moslems and Druses. They earn their living from agriculture and from work in the Haifa area.

Shfar Am was a well-known Jewish township even before the Second Temple. After the destruction of the Temple, about a generation or two before the Mishna was completed, Shfar Am was the seat of the Sanhedrin for a short time. It was also mentioned by crusaders during the Middle Ages.

At the end of the Middle Ages, Shfar Am again became a Jewish settlement with a farming population. Both Jewish and non-Jewish travellers during the 19th century noted that it had only about 20 families. A synagogue built about 200 years ago still stands. According to one tradition, it was erected on the spot where the Sanhedrin used to meet.

Thirty families from Morocco settled in the village about 100 years ago, but its Jewish population dwindled again at the end of the century. The last Jews left in 1917.

Recent History

Shfar Am town was set up in 1917 by the Turkish administration. The town functioned in an orderly manner, although without any evidence of initiative and imagination until the end of 1947.

The only member of the last Council who is still in the township is the former Mayor. The newly-appointed Council consists of nine members: four Christians, three Druses and two Moslems. The former Mayor, Jabur Yussef Jabur, a Christian, has been reappointed to the post and his Deputy will be Sheikh Hussein Salim Alayan, one of the heads of the local Druse community.

Pilgrims Cross Lines

A group of 16 Catholic pilgrims who arrived in Israel last week, crossed the lines at Mandelbaum Gate yesterday into the Old City of Jerusalem.

Among the group were Monsignore Alfredo Mueller, the Archbishop of Havana.

PIONEER WOMEN NEAR $1 m. TARGET

NEW YORK, Wednesday (INA). — The Pioneer Women (Labour Zionist) organization has announced that it has already raised $850,000 towards a $1m. target for a new youth village agricultural training settlement near Gedera.

GORNITZKY WINS STATE SINGLES

According to a news cutting from an American sports paper received here a few days ago, Raphael (Ray) Gornitzky, the Israel tennis-player, who turned out as a member of this country's Davis Cup team and who is now studying in the United States, "led his Indiana Tech squad to second place in the Little State Tennis Tournament by winning the singles championship."

"Gornitzky defeated Bill Pendle of DePauw in the finals, 6/3, 3/6," the report continues. "DePauw's well balanced team walked off with the team honors, collecting a staggering total of 88 points. Tech finished second with 25, Indiana State and Butler were tied for third with 18 apiece."

No Sets Lost

"Gornitzky won his way to the singles championship without losing a set. He advanced to the finals with a 6/1, 6/4 triumph over Dick Bastian of DePauw. Dick Bastian teamed with his brother, Walt, to win the doubles crown. Members of Tech's team besides Gornitzky were Virg Gardinier, Mike Galley and Lou Denardo," the report ends.

The next date on the Israel tennis star's schedule are the National Clay Court Tennis Championships of the U.S., commencing July 9 in Chicago. Only ranked players are permitted to participate. The winner last year was the well known American-Jewish player, Herb Flam.

Has Not Forgotten

LONDON, (JCFNS).—The controversy raging in professional boxing circles on the question of German boxers meeting British champions at the present time has come to a head with the demand by the European Boxing Union to the British Boxing Board of Control, that the British and European champions, Jack Gardner (heavyweight) and Don Cockell (cruiserweight) shall defend their European titles against the German fighters, Hein Ten Hoff and Conny Rux.

In the event of the British boxers refusing the meet the Germans there is every likelihood that they will be deprived of their European titles by the European Boxing Union (which admitted Germany two months ago, being one of the last sports organisations to do so).

Mr. John Simpson, manager of the title-holders, said "I would not have anything to do with the Germans, as I have not forgotten what they did to us."

T.A. GAIN MANSKOVITZ CUP

Tel Aviv Hapoel won the David Manskovitz Memorial Cup — donated in memory of the Hapoel member who was killed while defending the convoy to Yehiyam — when they defeated Kiriat Haim in the finals of a basketball tournament over the week-end by the score of 15-13. Hapoel sides from Yagur, Kfar Masaryk, Haifa, Tel Aviv, Kfar Vitkin and Kiryat Haim took part.

Preliminary results were:

Kiriat Haim beat Yagur, 28-20; and Haifa, 20-11.

Yagur beat Haifa, 22-19.

Tel Aviv beat Kfar Masaryk, 26-12; and Kfar Vitkin, 28-22.

Kfar Vitkin beat Kfar Masaryk, 20-0.

Hap. Teams Carry Local League Honours

Jerusalem Hapoel sides carried the board in the local Youth Basketball League championships, sponsored by the Y.M.C.A. which ended last week after a series of games held over the last month or so. Run in two sections, youths from 16 to 18 years of age, and boys up to 16, the Jerusalem Hapoel 'A' side came first among the senior group, while three Hapoel teams took the first places among the boys in this order, Hapoel Ma'oz, Hapoel Dror, and Hapoel Ofir.

The results of the final games were: 16-18: Hapoel "A" beat J'lem Maccabi, 40-36; Y.M.C.A., 41-11; and Hapoel "B" 62-15. Up to 16: Ma'oz beat Y.M.C.A., 46-15; J'lem Macc., 52-8; and (in the finals) Hapoel Ofir, 35-32. Cups and medals were presented to the winning teams and Certificates to the losers.

THE FINAL TABLES WERE:

	P.	W.	L.	For	Ag.	Pts
Age group from 16-18 years of age						
1. J'lem Hap 'A'	3	3	0	153	52	6
2. J'lem Macc.	3	2	1	127	76	4
3. Y.M.C.A.	3	1	2	66	112	2
4. J'lem Hap 'B'	3	0	3	48	154	0
Age group up to 16 years of age						
1. Hap. Ma'oz	4	4	0	177	72	8
2. Hap Dror	4	3	1	128	87	6
3. Hap. Ofir	4	1	3	73	104	2
4. Y.M.C.A.	4	1	3	79	128	2
5. J'lem Macc.	4	1	3	64	130	2

SHIPS IN HAIFA PORT ON WEDNESDAY

De Vilhena, Br., gen. cargo, Assiniboia, Gr., cement, **Anna M. Goulandris**, Gr., gen. cargo, **Topusko**, Yug., wood, **Vassilakis**, Fr., chemical fertiliser, **Mogelactasl**, Pan., iron, **Monastir**, Tur., cement, coal, **Abbia**, Ita., gen. cargo, **Chelis Campanella**, It., wood, **Khaik**, Ita., gen. cargo, wheat, **William H. Carruth**, U.S., dura, **Gitano**, Br., gen. cargo, **Bothnia**, Br., chemical fertiliser, **Kedmah**, Is., compl. unloading, **Uvier**, Yug., wood, cement, **Nicola Voptsarov**, Bulg., fodder, cement, **Sofina**, Rum., wood, **Hannah Senesh**, Is., compl. unloading, **Bustag**, Tur., compl. unloading, **Hanmeel**, Is., compl. unloading, **Gabriel**, Is., compl. unloading, **Ben Michele**, It., gen. cargo.

SHIPS EXPECTED

4.7 **Captan Takop**, gen. cargo, cement, iron, **Pelagosa**, flour, **Sebastian**, dura, **Bari**, dura.

5.7 **Astoria**, barged cargo, machines, coal, **Excelleney**, mail, pipes, gen. cargo, **Benaderos**, chemical fertiliser.

6.7 **Sipsaghe**, plywood, **Nilla**, cement, household effects, **Trakia**, household effects.

7.7 **Mussala**, household effects.

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EDISON: Atlantis.

ORION: Out of the Past.

SEMADAR: Haika.

STUDIO: Bicycle Thieves.

ZION: Return of the Frontiersman.

Haifa Cinemas

GAN YAM (Bat Galim): Tokyo Rose (3.30 p.m.).

EMERGENCY PHARMACIES:

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NOTICES TO THE PUBLIC

TRANSFER OF SCHOOL CHILDREN

The Department for Compulsory Education of the Ministry of Education wishes to announce that the following principles have been laid down with regard to the transfer of children from one type of educational institution to another; from one elementary school of an authorized curriculum to another of an authorized trend; or from an elementary school with an authorized curriculum to another school not officially authorized; or from an unauthorized elementary school to an officially recognized elementary school.

A) Applications for transfer should be submitted from Sunday, July 8 to Friday, July 20, 1951. B) During this period parents will be able to submit to the local education authorities of their district applications for transfer of their children, excluding six year olds for whom a special announcement was given during registration for the coming school year from March 25 to April 20, 1951. C) In accordance with transfer regulations applications should be submitted in person at the registration office, on the days and hours fixed by the local education authorities. If parents are unable to submit applications in person owing to illness or any other reason — a person properly authorized on behalf of the parents may submit and sign the application. D) Public announcements will be made by the local education authorities on dates and method of transfer. These announcements have been authorized by the Department for Compulsory Education of the Ministry of Education.

APPLICATIONS FOR IDENTITY CARDS

The attention of residents who have, so far, not obtained their identity cards and have not yet applied for them, is hereby drawn to the fact that in accordance with para 25 (A) of the Elections to the Second Knesset Ordinance, 1951, the Registration Offices will not issue Identity Cards to persons who did not apply for them, 21 days before the election day, namely Monday, July 9, 1951.

Ministry of Interior
Residents Registration Department

יומן הבחירות לכנסת השנית

DIARY FOR ELECTIONS TO SECOND KNESSET

SAFEGUARDING OF BALLOT BOXES

The Chairmen of the District Election Committees who have received ballot boxes, are requested to inform the Central Election Committee immediately of the manner in which the ballot boxes are safeguarded.

VEHICLES

The Chairmen of the District Election Committees must prepare a list of vehicles needed for transporting members of the ballot committees to their voting stations, and back home. Also it should be specified what vehicles are required to transport the members of the ballot committees to the places where they will cast their vote. The lists should reach the Central Elections Committee not later than Wednesday, July 11, 1951.

CONFERENCE OF CHAIRMEN OF DISTRICT COMMITTEES

The Conference of chairmen of District Election Committees and their deputies which had been fixed for Thursday, July 5, 1951, has been postponed until further notice.

Central Elections Committee for the Second Knesset

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Economic News at Home

By Economicus

Immigrants from Kurdistan, Yemen, Iraq, Tunisia, and South America were installed in six new settlements, established by the Jewish Agency and Keren Hayesod between December and May. At the end of May, 1951, the total number of 700 settlements on Israel territory was composed as follows:

Towns and other urban settlements:	50
Villages:	72
Workers' settlements:	183
Cooperative settlements:	27
Kibbutzim:	215
Other rural settlements:	52
Arab villages:	102

Since the proclamation of the State, 270 new settlements have been established.

Guidance for Investors

For some time past, the Investment Centre of the Ministry of Trade and Industry has been issuing information sheets on a great variety of subjects, for the guidance of prospective investors. The latest issues deal with precision instruments, brick factories and lime kilns, iron foundries, and tool factories. In each case, the information is based on a detailed analysis of the economic and scientific conditions pertaining to the respective manufacture. The analysis is accompanied by lists of equipment required and calculations of initial and recurrent capital outlay.

Trade with Finland

In the trade agreement between Finland and Israel, transactions between the two countries during the year ending November 16, 1951 are estimated at the equivalent of $3.6 million in each direction. Finland will export mainly prefabricated houses, sawn timber, wood products, telephone poles, paper and products, and machinery, and will import from Israel citrus fruits, textiles, hides and skins.

ON THE AIR

JERUSALEM: 467 M.; HAIFA: 249 M.
TEL AVIV: 48.9, 283 & 322 M.;

NEWS: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 1.30 p.m., 6, 8.30 and 10.25 p.m.; English: 2 and 10.15 p.m.; Arabic Programme (including News): 1 a.m., 2.15 and 7.15 p.m.; French: 3 p.m.

6.30 a.m. Service. 6.35 Exercises. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Melodies. 7.45 Oriental Music: R. Amar. 8.30 Close Down.

10.00 a.m. Morning Concert (R). 10.30 Operas (R). 11.00 Concert Hall: Sonata No. 3 (Bartok); Sonata for Viola & Piano (Blue). 11.45 Military Bands (R). 12.40 N. Shenk: Jar Music (R). 12.50 Agricultural News. 12.55 Programme for Hospitals. 1.00 Soldiers' Programme. 1.45 Housewives' Programme. 2.15 Close Down.

4.00 p.m. Programme for Youngsters. 4.30 Siesta (R). 4.50 Musical Miniatures (R). 5.00 "Where to Go" (Jerusalem). 5.05 Recital: Slezka Farcas (Tel Aviv). 5.30 Children's Corner. 6.00 Geography in the News. 6.15 Language Corner. 6.30 Children's Hour. 7.00 "From Werfel to Worker." 7.45 Bible Reading. 8.00 Soldiers' Programme. 8.45 "The Exodus and Its Committees." 9.00 Kol Yisrael Orchestra, Conductor: Hanan Schlesinger. Soloist: Yehuda Oppenheimer: String Quartet No. 2 (Kolan); Concertino for Accordeon & Orchestra (Kornfeld). 9.30 "The Economic Struggle" by Y. Rosen. 9.45 Talmud Lesson by Rabbi Nazira. 10.30 Piano Recital: Moshe Lustig: Works by Grieg, Milhaud, Lustig & Falla. 11.15 Close Down.

Immigrants' Hour (33.3 M.): 7.00 p.m. Yiddish; 7.30 p.m. Ladino; 7.40 p.m. French; 8.00 p.m. Turkish; 8.15 p.m. Persian.

Kol Zion Lagola (31.3 M.): 12.15 a.m. Newsreel. 12.30 Requests: Search for Missing Relatives. 12.45 "Hebrew for Beginners," by A. Rosen.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS (19.91 and 24.92 M.): 7.30 News. 7.40 News Talk. 7.45 The Tune of the Week. 7.48 London Letter.

ARMY PROGRAMMES (230, 235 & 44.6 M.): 6.30 p.m. Programme, Announcements. 6.33 Request Programme. 7.00 Gadna Programme. 7.30 Today's Events. 7.45 Guest in the Studio. 8.00 Soldiers' Programme. 8.30 News. 8.40 Interlude. 8.45 Musical Quiz. 9.15 Dance Music. 10.00 Close Down.

VOICE OF AMERICA: Hebrew Programme: 9-9.30 p.m. (13.85, 11.96, 17.81 & 19.67 M. from U.S.A.; 19.63 & 25.36 from Tangiers).

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Mt. Carmel	—	32	32	20
Nathanya	72	31	29	29
Tel Aviv Port	79	27	28	28
Lydda	69	33	33	30
Jerusalem	53	30	30	29
Beersheba	49	37	35	33

°A) Humidity at 3 p.m. B) Maximum (temp. C) Maxima, yesterday, D) Maxima, temp., expected today.

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Currency in circulation rose by IL.700,000 last week, after a drop of IL.152,000 during the two previous weeks. The total in circulation at the close of business last night was IL.86,311,738,500. The rise was due to an increase of IL.700,000 in Treasury bills to IL.36,438,000.

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A municipal reception and parade will be held in Haifa today to celebrate the return to Israel of the two Israel ships, the "Misgav" and the "Haganah," which toured U.S. ports.

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Ali, of Haifa's Fire Brigade and of Acre and Nahariya joined forces yesterday afternoon to put out a bush fire in the Zevulun Plain. The fire raged for three hours, but the damage was slight.

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Three cafe-restaurants in Beersheba were put out-of-bounds to military personnel yesterday for sanitary reasons.

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For receiving money from a 10-year-old child, knowing that it had been stolen from the child's mother, David Cohen, 18, of Petah Tikva was sentenced to a fortnight's imprisonment by the Magistrate, Mrs. M. Shamir, here today.

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An appeal for cots and prams for underprivileged families in Tel Aviv has been issued by the Tel Aviv Municipality's Social Welfare Department. Persons interested are asked to contact the warehouse of the Department at 19 Rehov Nebo; telephone 2657.

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A pig sty for 150 animals has been set up by an Arab woman landowner near Sarafand al Amr village. The owner, Mrs. Sa'ada Sa'ad, will be permitted to slaughter the pigs only under a Ministry of Agriculture licence. She must sell the pork at IL.1 per kilo.

First Car Shipment Leaves for Finland

HAIFA, Wednesday. — The first 45 automobiles assembled in Israel were loaded today on the s.s. Sameland for export to Finland. The cars arrived in convoy at Haifa Port this morning from the Kaiser-Frazer plant, and were hoisted aboard in several hours.

The shipment is part of an export order of 1,000 Kaiser-Frazer cars under the Israel-Finland trade agreement, which provides for the export of Israel goods to the value of $4.5m.

Further shipments to Norway and Sweden will be made in the near future.

Reserve Duty Year to Start April 1; Time-Table Amended

TEL AVIV, Wednesday.—The year for Reserve duty will henceforth begin on April 1, Aloof Shimon Mazo, the Adjutant-General, told correspondents today. The date will be officially announced in regulations to be issued by the Ministry of Defence. Reservists who have already performed their duty will not be called up again during the same military year, he said.

The time-table of Reserve duty in the future would be different from that prevailing during the past year: the annual duty of an uninterrupted month may be split into two periods, not necessarily of equal duration; and the monthly 12-hour duty may be accummulated to two consecutive days in two months or three consecutive days in three months.

The changes were made possible by the amendments to the Army Service Act which were passed by the Knesset yesterday. Another major amendment accepted by the Knesset was that the Army may proceed with examining all those liable for military service within a year before their enlistment date.

Speed Training

All amendments were necessary in order to speed up military training, Aloof Maze and Aloof-Mishneh Gideon Schocken said. Draftees of 18 years will thus be assigned to their Corps before they actually start their service, saving time heretofore wasted in waiting for assignment to permanent regiments.

For the Reservists, the splitting of the "month for the Army" into two periods will result in his receiving specialized training during the first phase of service, while permitting him to join his unit in manoeuvres in the second phase. Duty in general manoeuvres would be counted against normal Reserve duty.

The merger of the monthly "days" will enable the Reservist to attend courses instead of wasting most of his time travelling to his unit assembly point.

Aloof Maze conceded that mistakes were sometimes made in the assignments of a man or in a call-up summons, but these were inevitable because of the shortage of trained personnel. The army could not spend money on a permanent trained staff for this sort of work. In the future, he said, endeavours would be made to inform every Reservist a few months ahead when his turn to serve would come.

Moslems Celebrate Ramadhan's End

POST Reporter

The three-day feast of Id el Fitr, which Moslems throughout the world begin celebrating this morning marks the end of the holy month of Ramadhan. This year's Ramadhan was particularly difficult due to the extreme heat. A special ration of rice and sugar has been distributed for the feast.

Representatives of the Ministry for Religious Affairs have begun a tour of all Moslem centres of population to extend the Government's greetings on the occasion of the end of the fast.

Mandelbaum Gate in Jerusalem will be closed during the holiday. Members of the diplomatic and consular corps will be permitted to cross the lines this morning to pay their respects to King Abdullah at an early morning reception at Amman.

A large number of petitions have been submitted to King Abdullah on the occasion of the feast requesting the release of more than 200 political detainees being held by the Arab Legion and Jordan police, according to "Falastin."

Ex-Nazis Try To Stop Restitution

VIENNA, Wednesday (UP).— A group (of politicians) here are toying with the idea of abrogating the restitution laws which restored to their former owners, mainly Jews, about 30,000 pieces of property confiscated by the Nazis. The move is being fostered by a group of former Nazi party members who call themselves "The Association of the Victims of Restitution."

The ex-Nazis argue that they put so much work and money into the property that it would be unfair to restore it to its former owners. Austria's Jewish community of about 10,000 stands to lose the property only recently restored to it and it is understood that American-Jewish organizations have asked the U.S. High Commission to see that such action is prevented.

The idea of scrapping the restitution laws apparently gained favour among certain wings of the Conservative People's Party after it lost the recent election to the Socialists. The loss was been blamed on the independent group which promised the ex-Nazis better treatment and won 16 per cent of the popular vote.

Matters are unlikely to come to a head till autumn and the People's party may drop the whole thing for fear it would smash the six-year-old coalition with the Socialists. A move to pay the ex-Nazis for the manual labour to which thousands were sentenced right after the war is being studied by the Government's legal experts. The Government has never paid concentration camp inmates for the time they were imprisoned.

Israel-Jordan Peace Urged

LONDON, Wednesday (Reuter). — Today's "Daily Telegraph" urged Britain and America to use their influence in helping Israel and Jordan to settle their differences. If these two countries could come to terms an area of stability would at once be created in the Middle East, this paper maintained.

The "Daily Telegraph" criticized the Egyptian Foreign Minister, Salah e-Din, for some of his remarks on the Arab League's Collective Security Pact, ratified by the Egyptian Senate on Monday. Salah e-Din said that the other Arab states would be obliged under the pact to come to Egypt's aid if Egypt found herself at war with Britain.

"No one need be surprised at this arrogant attitude," the "Daily Telegraph" editorial declared.

"The British government's tame acceptance of Egypt's interference with the passage of Haifa-bound tankers through the Suez Canal and her readiness nonetheless to release supplies of oil to the Egyptians have invited it."

After referring to the recent suggestion of Mr. Anthony Eden that a tanker should be sent through the Suez Canal under escort, the "Telegraph" said: "That at least would serve to show the Egyptians that there is a limit to what Britain will endure even under a Socialist government.

"At the same time every effort should be made to bring Israel and Jordan to terms.

"If they settled their differences an area of stability would at once be created in the Middle East upon which Western defence and projects for economic rehabilitation could be worked."

Levant Merchants Fear Bankruptcy

BEIRUT, Wednesday (UP). —Lebanese and Syrian merchants are passing through an acute crisis and many of them appear to be doomed to inevitable bankruptcy as a result of speculation occasioned by the Korean war.

Many Levantine merchants rushed to order large quantities of raw materials and semi-finished goods from European sources after the war broke out. People in other walks of life, too, dashed to the bazaars, buying up everything they could lay hands on. The result was a sharp spiral in prices, in such as 400 per cent in some cases.

However, the war in Korea remained localized. Goods poured into Lebanese and Syrian markets but the public refrained from buying. Credits were exhausted and promissory notes began to mature. The Banque de Syrie et du Grand Liban advanced large sums of money to many establishments that were normally considered sound, but these have been unable to pay. No legal action could in this case be taken by the bank, in whose files several hundreds of notes have matured and remain unpaid.

M. Busson, Director-General of the bank, which also issues the paper money of the Lebanese and Syrian Governments, has been recalled to Paris and speculation is rife as to the reason for his recall.

LEBANESE WOMEN MAY GET VOTE

The Lebanese cabinet on Tuesday night approved a proposal permitting Lebanese women to participate in municipal elections and run as candidates. The decision has to be ratified by Parliament.

At present, women with a full elementary education have the right to vote in Syria, while in all other Arab countries there are completely barred from elections.

Cables in Brief

ATLANTIC CITY. — The New England Governors are launching a campaign for contributions of $15,000 to the U.N. Relief and Works Agency.

GENEVA. — Japan was admitted on Tuesday to full membership of UNESCO which is meeting in Paris. She is the 69th member state of the organization.

COPENHAGEN. — The 5th All-Arab Medical Congress was opened yesterday near Heiro, by the Lebanese President, Bishara el Khoury. It will deal mainly with tropical and preventive medicine.

SOCIALISTS AGREE ON REARMAMENT

FRANKFURT, Wednesday (Reuter). — The new Socialist International yesterday approved a declaration on the role of Socialism in the struggle for peace and recognising the need for the free democracies to rearm to prevent war.

Of the 23 national delegations only the Japanese did not vote for the motion. They abstained from voting on the contention that Socialism must oppose all preparations for a war in any circumstances. Dr. R. Lohia, Indian Socialist leader, present as an observer since his party has not yet joined the International, attacked the declaration.

New Plane Smashes Height, Speed Records

LOS ANGELES, Wednesday (UP). — The experimental Douglas Skyrocket plane was flown higher and faster than any piloted plane in history, the U.S. Navy revealed yesterday. The altitude and speed attained were not revealed for security reasons, but informed sources claimed the plane topped 1,500 m.p.h.

The test-pilot, Mr. Bill Bridgeman, 34, who told a press conference here he flew the Skyrocket on June 11 over the Mojave desert on the record-smashing flight, said it went so fast he saw nothing but the instrument panel.

Negba's Crew Want More Hard Cash

HAIFA, Wednesday. — While the s.s. Negba was anchored at Marseilles harbour, her crew went on strike last Friday for a larger foreign currency share of their pay, it is learned here.

Under the present arrangement, the seamen receive 30 per cent of their wages in foreign currency during the first fortnight following departure from Israel, and 50 per cent beginning on the 15th day.

They insist, however, on receiving half their pay in foreign currency from the day of sailing, it is reported. They have since returned to their jobs, but it is not known how long the strike lasted and how it was concluded.

The Seamen's Union here declared today that the strike was unauthorized. The ship was slightly damaged at Marseilles on June 16. She has since undergone repairs and is due to sail from Marseilles for Haifa on Friday.

"Al Hamishmar" reported yesterday that after Mr. Efraim Elion, the Israel Consul in Marseilles, refused to intervene the Shoham representative in Europe ordered the ship's galley closed. The French Port Workers' Union then supplied victuals for the crew, and the French Seamen's Union (Communist) ordered a cessation of all work aboard ship until the Negba sailors' demands were satisfied.

An arrest order was issued by Magistrate I. Megory in Tel Aviv yesterday against Yehuda Shragai, 36, of Jaffa, who failed to appear to an embezzlement case against him. Half of the IL.1,500 bail posted by the accused was ordered confiscated. Shragai is charged with embezzling IL.13,000 entrusted to him for land and other purchases in connection with the "Mordecai Alon housing project for Air Force veterans."

30 Rioters Shout For Bread, Work

RAMLE, Wednesday (ITIM) —Six persons were arrested today after a group of 30 immigrants from the *ma'abara* near here had started a riot in the offices of the local Labour Exchange. They clubbed a number of Exchange officials and smashed furniture, doors and windows. The damage is estimated at IL.500.

The group came to the Exchange demanding "bread and work." Apparently dissatisfied with the reply given them, they started smashing the furniture and turned on the officials when the latter sought to prevent them from causing damage.

After the arrest of the six men a crowd of about 200 gathered in front of the police station, repeating their slogan of "work and bread."

4,000 Beduin Prefer Israel—'A-Diffa'

About 4,000 Beduin have already registered with the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission for repatriation to their lands in the Beersheba area, according to "A-Diffa." A recent M.A.C. decision authorized their return.

Histadrut, Medical Group Agreement Ratified

TEL AVIV, Wednesday.—An agreement between the Histadrut Executive and the Israel Medical Association was ratified at today's meeting of the Executive. The agreement was ratified by the Medical Association last week.

According to the terms, the Medical Trade Union within the Histadrut will not deal with professional questions, and the Medical Association undertakes to try to bring about a union of the two existing medical bodies. Full particulars of the agreement will be published within two days, it was stated.

Measures to ensure discipline within the Histadrut will be discussed by the Executive next week, it was decided today. The measures will deal with "wild-cat" strikes, such as that which Mapam organized in the metal industry earlier this week.

TRIPLETS BORN

KFAR SABA, Wednesday. — Triplets,—two girls and a boy — were born to Hadassah Karni, wife of Sa'adiya Karni, at the Kfar Saba hospital last night. Mother and children are reported doing well. The Karnis, who came from the Yemen a year ago, have a 10-year-old son.

Claims Migdal Officials Tried to Aid Soldiers

TEL AVIV, Wednesday (ITIM). — The fact that a political opponent testified in his favour during elections was proof of the accused's innocence, the defence attorney in the criminal case against the chairman of the Magdiel Municipal Council and the secretary of the local Labour Exchange, said in the Magistrate's Court here today.

The accused, Zvi Zamir and Ephraim Shidelsky, are charged with obtaining money under false pretences from the Ministry of Defence on behalf of soldiers who were housed in the servicemen's hostel in Magdiel during the war.

The attorney, Mr. A. Ankorion, said that the charges were trumped up by Mr. Moshe Ben Horin, the complainant in the present case, who had objected to the fact that the accused had rented his room at the hostel to other servicemen while he was away. The accused had committed no offence; to the contrary, they had tried to help the soldiers, as the General Zionist member of the municipal council of Magdiel had testified, the defence attorney said. Mr. Zamir is a member of Mapai.

The summing-up by both sides will be resumed on July 8.

YARKON BATHING BRINGS FINES

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — The Municipality announced here today that it had fined several youths from IL.2 to IL.2,500 each for bathing in the Yarkon river. Bathing in the river is unhealthy, the announcement says.

Bathing off the Tel Aviv Beach has nearly come to a stand-still, and only a few people today ventured out despite the large amount of visible sewage floating in the water.

The only stretches of beach where bathing is forbidden now is near the Yarkon river and south of the sewage outlet at Rehov Ezra.

About six municipal workers are employed at cleaning the filth as it is washed ashore and chlorinators are working at the two sewage outlets. The Municipality is believed to be spending over IL.100 daily on these operations.

AZZAM PASHA TO VISIT OLD CITY

The Secretary-General of the Arab League, Azzam Pasha, and his Acre-born assistant Ahmed Shukeiri, have been asked by Mr. Holger Andersen, Director of the P.C.C. Office for Arab refugees, to meet him for discussions in Jerusalem, NEARS reports. A Cairo ANA report adds that the two will arrive in Jerusalem towards the end of this month, to discuss the questions of frozen Arab money in Israel banks, repatriation and compensation of refugees.

An A.N.A. report from Beirut states that the Lebanon has decided to permit 20,000 out of the total of 80,000 refugees there to remain permanently in the country.

EGYPT COMPLAINS OF ISRAEL PLANES

Egypt has complained to the Mixed Armistice Commisson that three Israel planes have been carrying out reconnaissance over Egyptian territory during the past three days, according to an A.N.A. report from Cairo.

Beersheba was practically without ice yesterday when the factory broke down. The small output of the Hamashbir Hamerkezi plant was insufficient to supply the population's needs.

THE SOCIETY OF FRIENDS OF THE NATIONAL MUSEUM BEZALEL, JERUSALEM.

The annual meeting will take place on Wednesday, July 11, 1951, at 5.30 p.m. Agenda: Report by Mr. Narkiss on his trip to Europe. Report on activities. Financial report. Election of new committee. If less than 2/3 of the Society's members attend the meeting, it will take place at 6 p.m. on the same evening and will have legal validity with any number of members present.

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Judge a Country by Its Care of Soil'—Lowdermilk

HAIFA, Wednesday.—The conditions of the soil and the uses to which it was put were a yardstick of the success of a government, a policy, a religion, a culture and of man himself, Professor W. C. Lowdermilk told a gathering of the Israel-American Friendship League here last night.

The American and Israel Declarations of Independence, he said, were both followed by large migrations, which released and stimulated people's resourcefulness and energies. He believed that for Israel it was a challenge to which its strong heart would be equal.

To sustain independence, the building of the country's land base through the conservation of its land, water, grass and human resources was as necessary as defence.

"If Moses could have seen from Mt. Nebo how much earth three thousand years later was washed away, how malaria had invaded the land, how the fertility suffered and how the population dropped to one-tenth through the miserable treatment of the soil, he would have pronounced an 11th Commandment:

"Thou shalt inherit the holy earth as a faithful steward conserving its resources and productivity from generation to generation. Thou shalt safeguard thy fields from soil erosion, thy living waters from drying up, thy forests from desolation, and protect thy hills from overgrazing by the herds, that thy descendants may have abundance forever. If any shall fail in his stewardship of the land, thy fruitful fields shall become sterile stony ground or wasting gullies, and thy descendants shall decrease and live in poverty or perish from off the face of the earth."

Professor Lowdermilk, who is staying with his wife in Israel for a year, expressed his thanks for the "delightful reception given him at the little principality of Tivon" where they are residing.

Ration News

TEL AVIV DISTRICT — Frozen Meat: 125 grams, Shin 2, Shin 3, temporary 15, 16; sick persons will receive frozen meat or chicken as follows: Het-Aleph 1, 750 grams; Het-Bet 1, 600 grams; Het-Dalet 500 grams; sick persons with new cards will receive the following rations: Het-Aleph 1 and Het-Bet 1, 500 grams; Het-Gimel 1; tourists and temporary cards will be issued rations at all butcher shops. Chicken: Sick persons, 250 grams, zone 7, Shin-Dalet 28, temporary 40; deadline tomorrow; zones 4, 5, 6, 300 grams, deadline Friday; sick cards, zones 1, 2, 3, 500 grams. Fishmongers will be open from 8 to 1 and from 4 to 7 on weekdays.
JERUSALEM DISTRICT — Frozen Meat: 125 grams, Shin 2, Shin 3, temporary 15, 16. Meat substitute: 2 eggs, Feb 28, all branches of Tnuva, Tzrach, Ein Al.
NORTHERN DISTRICT — Eggs: 6, Shin 28, temporary 3. Chicken: 250 grams, Shin-Dalet 11, temporary 40; sick ratoins continue. Live Fish: 150 grams, Shin-Aleph 4, temporary 38. Onions: 250 grams, Shin 25, temporary 30. Bananas: 500 grams, A and B cards, Zadi 13, temporary 31. Grapes: 250 grams, Shin 19, temporary 37. Plums: 150 grams, Shin 13. Local Butter: Sick persons.
SOUTHERN DISTRICT — Frozen Meat: 125 grams, Shin 2, Shin 3; sick persons.

APPEAL TO REASON:

What Is the Economic Policy of the "General Zionists"?

VOTERS' GUIDE TO THE ELECTIONS (5)

For electioneering purposes the "General Zionists" talk as though they wanted to abolish all our economic controls. Since ration coupons, price controls, and licences of any kind are unavoidable, if irritating, necessities, thoughtless voters may be attracted by this line.

But even the most naive can hardly believe any longer in the sincerity of this propaganda. The same champions of free enterprise who tell us we can do without price controls are the ones who demand government subsidies for orange growers, protective tariffs for industries, bonuses for exporters, and foreign currency at specially fixed exchange rates for "non-payment" imports. This Jekyll and Hyde policy of the General Zionists claims to be based on the principles of Adam Smith, but is more often reminiscent of the doings of notorious manipulators.

The only "General Zionist" leader with a fairly consistent record of supporting economic liberalism is Mr. Peretz Bernstein. He has told us to import freely in large quantities in order to drive prices down and drive wages down. He also has advised us to restrict immigration and reduce social services. Even his own party colleagues do not take his views seriously. He was forced to assure them that his policy of deflation by large scale imports would be controlled in such a way that industrialists would not have to worry about foreign competition. Wages, however, would go down. It may be stated in parentheses, that Mr. Bernstein never made it quite clear how his unrestricted imports were going to be paid for.

The "General Zionist" economic policy would not give us an uncontrolled economy. It would merely eliminate those controls that try to secure for every one of us a decent minimum of food, clothing and housing. And it would abolish those regulations that conserve the capital resources of Israel for productive investment instead of allowing them to run to waste in a flood of speculation. There would be less development, less for the masses, but more hoarders of gold sovereigns, diamonds or real estate speculators.

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THE position of Turkey within the West's defence groupings in Europe and the Middle East is steadily rising in significance, and has been one of the chief points for consideration by Britain's Commonwealth Defence talks. The talks, overshadowed by the Persian crisis and hampered by the absence of India, Pakistan and Ceylon, seem to have produced little except the proposed METO — Middle East Treaty Organization — which would be a British sphere even as NATO is American. With the resources of the region from Cairo to Calcutta and from Cyprus to Johannesburg, pooled under British direction, control of the Eastern Mediterranean would automatically go to a British supreme commander ranking with General Eisenhower. The project has received little publicity in Britain as yet, perhaps not least because Turkish lack of enthusiasm is only one of the obstacles to its realization.

NATO AND METO

The views of those who still hold in Britain that there is no substitute for Egypt as a supply base, and that the Canal garrison should not be reduced on the strength of uncertain Egyptian promises of cooperation in time of war, are lately being overshadowed by the thesis propounded by Colonel Clive Garsia, the military authority of "The Times," who prefers to regard Turkey as the key to Middle East defence. He would like to see British forces shifted to the Adana-Alexandretta-Antioch line, but considers the Americans unwise to press for bombing bases in Anatolia. Cyprus is near enough for the purpose, he claims, could not be over-run, and would be a source of strength to Turkey without at the same time being a source of political embarrassment. It is a point of view likely to find support in Turkey.

Meanwhile, not only Persia, but Iraq as well, has been written off as sources of oil in time of war, the opinion being that they are over-vulnerable to be available to either belligerent. If the West is able to hold the Persian Gulf, then the fields of Kuwait, Bahrein and Saudi Arabia would continue to be useful, though it is thought that even this would presuppose Western defences along the mountain barrier that runs through Turkey, Iraq and Persia. This would require only comparatively small but highly mobile forces deployed within striking distance to deal with the spearhead of any enemy force before it could emerge into the plains of Iraq. What part might be played in any such plan by the much-debated South African armoured division, that is to be fully equipped by Britain, is open to speculation, but British experts consider it might be an appropriate assignment for this force. Clearly a good deal of reliance is being placed for defensive purposes in Turkey's own forces, though they are regarded as lacking in mobility, at least outside the country's borders.

The British planners cannot fail to be aware, at the same time, that matters look different through Turkish eyes. It has been resented in Ankara that Britain should have opposed Turkish entry into NATO, and particularly that a Foreign Office spokesman should have explained that "religious and cultural differences" made it difficult to regard Turkey as a European power. Ankara, in return, has reacted to "the medieval outlook of British officialdom," and fears that it will be sacrificed without much hesitation should that become necessary. It seems more likely that Whitehall appreciates Turkey's strength, and would like to see the Turkish Army in its own defence organization to give it stability. It is NATO or METO, and the British have plainly set their hearts on METO. But for the Persian crisis, they might have succeeded; even so, there is still a chance of something of the kind emerging.

19 INJURED IN CHILE RIOT

SANTIAGO, CHILE, Wednesday (UP).—Nineteen miners were injured on Monday night in Communist-led rioting following a union election in Coronel coalfields.

Some 3,000 Communists boycotted the ballots because Chilean law forbids the election of Communists to union offices.

RUSSIA'S ROLE OF 'DISINTERESTED ONLOOKER'

Moscow Waits on Iran Moves

By a Special Correspondent

ONE of the novels which won the Stalin prize several weeks ago was "The Day Shall Come" by a young Azerbaidjan writer, which has as its background the Persia of the 1940s and is therefore of considerable topical interest. The main hero of the story is a young Teheran student, a very "progressive element," to be sure, who has been asked by his friends to join the (then illegal) Tudeh party. "I really would like to be a member" he says, "If only I knew for sure that this is really an independent party, and not a mere "front" of the Soviet legation...." Needless to say, the student hero eventually joins the party, having been convinced that his doubts were groundless.

Here one has in a nutshell the key to Soviet policy in Persia during recent months. The Soviet government has scrupulously abstained from intervening in Persia's internal affairs since the outbreak of the crisis in March. Enough political and social dynamite has accumulated in Persia during the last years, and any Soviet intervention short of actual occupation of the country would not promote the best interests of Russia there. On the contrary, it would be very harmful, as events in 1946 showed, when the whole nationalist right (headed by Dr. Mossadeq) rallied and opposed the continued Russian occupation of Azerbaidjan and the attempt to obtain an oil concession by some gentle pressure.

"Quiet Onlookers"

Today, the Soviet Union is the disinterested onlooker, and the shares of the local Communists have therefore skyrocketed. The number of signatories of the present "peace drive" is already five times higher than the corresponding number of those who signed the Stockholm appeal last year. The tone of the Soviet press and the "Free Azerbaidjan Radio" (situated in Baku) is rather subdued, and certainly more moderate than half a year ago. The Soviet newspapers confine themselves as a rule to quotations from that part of the Teheran press which is financed by them (just as the Americans and British have their own papers), and there is nothing to indicate any particular Soviet interest or intentions. Surprisingly enough, not a single detailed contribution on recent events in Iran has appeared in the Soviet press, which is surely an extreme sign of pretended lack of interest.

AIOC Shortsightedness

When Kavtaradse and Sadchikov asked for an oil concession in 1946 on a fifty-fifty basis, England should have heeded the warning sign, but she did not do so, perhaps because the request was rejected by the Majlis. Five years later The Anglo-Iranian Oil Company has been presented the bill for its singular lack of political foresight. Moscow, on the other hand, will be most certainly able to reap at least part of the fruits of a patient, clever and persistent line of policy without any more exertion.

If occasion should arise, Russia has moreover at its disposal a perfectly legal right to intervene in Persia, according to the famous paragraph six of the 1921 treaty. ("In case a third party should attempt to use Persian territory as a base for military operations against Russia, and if it would not be in the power of the Persian Government to avert this danger, Russia would be entitled to let its army enter Persia in order to carry out the necessary steps for its defence."). When this treaty was signed thirty years ago, Moscow mainly feared that one or the other of the White armies of the civil war would be concentrated on the Persian side of the frontier.

Meanwhile conditions radically changed, but the 1921 treaty has remained a very convenient instrument of Soviet foreign policy, and it was invoked, for instance, in August 1941, when Soviet and British troops entered Persia. The decisive factor, to be sure, in the eyes of Moscow is of course not the existence of the treaty, but the promotion of Soviet interests in Persia. As British policy in Persia has failed, according to the Moscow viewpoint, and as A.I.O.C. would not be able to operate for long even if British troops were sent to Abadan, the Politburo would probably not invoke paragraph six of the treaty even if it were entitled to do so. Time has never been a factor of paramount importance in Soviet foreign policy. If necessary they will wait for another few months or years.

KEEPING POSTED

AS we were travelling to Tel Aviv from Jerusalem the other day we noted how well the little trees are doing that were planted along the new part of the road. A few have withered and failed, and sometimes these have already been replaced by conspicuously younger saplings. In some places, perhaps fed by some unknown source of moisture, the trees are already five or six feet high. Then, near Gezer, we knew that the trees that still sway in every breeze had graduated — there was a road labourer sitting under one of them, eating his lunch out

of a red handkerchief. It reminded us of a time when we were being shown the young forest at Mishmar Ha'emek, then about five years old. "It's a real forest now," our guide said, "the rabbits and foxes have come." "Rabbits!", said his companion scornfully. "Abu Jilda's spent the night there, and it takes a bandit to make a real forest."

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MR. Eliahu Eliashar, Deputy Mayor of Jerusalem, found himself in a singular position this week when the opposition members of the Municipal Council tabled a motion of non-confidence in him during the absence of the Mayor, Mr. B. Z. Shragai. While the nine opposition members (Mapai, Mapam and Progressives) were all present, three of the 13 members of the coalition (General Zionists, Herut, and Orthodox bloc) were away. The vote was thus tied. According to the Council's rules of procedure the Chairman in this case has a casting vote. Mr. Eliashar, who as Deputy Mayor presided over the meeting, was thus enabled to declare that he, for one, did have confidence in Mr. Eliashar, and proceeded to vote with the loyal coalition.

AMONG the many vestiges of Teutonic culture that haunt Israel's atmosphere there is an unsuspected one: Eva Braun's former car, a stupendous, 8-cylinder, black cabriolet Horch that dashes sleekly along Tel Aviv's avenues. The car was a birthday gift from Hitler himself to his supposed bride. After the Nazis' collapse it was confiscated by the U.S. military authorities, together with other items that might have been considered "relics" by the Germans. The car was put at the disposal of General Robertson, who crossed the "Iron Curtain" with it when he became U.K. representative at the Allied Control Commission in Sofia, Bulgaria. Later on this body was dissolved, and the car was sold, together with other U.S. army surplus. The buyer, a foreign diplomat in Sofia, was subsequently transferred to Israel, where he finally sold the car to a resident upon leaving for a new assignment. "I think it symbolizes the victory of Israel over its foes," the diplomat said, "nobody pays attention to it"...

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THIS week's election intelligence seemed puzzling at first sight. Displayed on a hoarding was a Mapai appeal, with some effective slogans and figures concerning the rise in immigration over the past three years. It ended on a curious note:— 1) Children between 6 and 13 years old are not admitted and 2) There is limited accommodation for adults. The public worried over this for quite a bit, and some were ready to start off a new crop of rumours straight away. Finally the matter was cleared up. The sheet had been pasted neatly over another that excluded from election meetings children deemed old enough to stay at home alone, and too young to appreciate the fine points of the addresses.

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UPPER Hadar Hacarmel and Mt. Carmel dwellers have been suffering lately from an

invasion of wild bees which are multiplying rapidly. Sitting outdoors, on balconies, or at home with the windows open has become something of a hazard. Several ladies, delicately perfumed, have found themselves graciously mistaken for fragrant flowers and swooped upon by the impetuous insects from every direction, and made painfully aware of their powers of attraction.

Today's contributors are S.G. and Edith Rotenstein, Tel Aviv, and H. R., Jerusalem.

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Readers' Letters

OUR OWN HOUSE IN ORDER

To the Editor of THE POST

Sir,—It is proper that a man with Press or other public pretensions should from time to time be called to account by his auditors. It is also proper that those who call him to account should observe the usual habits of courtesy and fairness. Mr. Richfield, whose letter on the subject of Column One appears in today's issue could have been more courteous and fairer. It is unfortunate that good manners should be thought incompatible with the prevailing taste for intellectual conformity.

If I am naive, that may stand me in good stead one day, since many ways of escape are open to the innocent and naive: if the basis of my thinking is weak, my arguments incredible, my logic perforated, I should be comforted, since the deduction is that my anxieties about the future are baseless: in Stevenson's words, everything may be, indeed, for the best in the best of all possible worlds. But I see no comfort, or sense, or anything in the least comprehensible, in being an "accessory to the great Soviet crime against humanity." That, I beg leave to point out, is a slight exaggeration on both counts: the accessory and the crime.

One would like to answer Mr. Richfield's arguments, which, I understand, are representative; but I find it difficult to know what they mean, and cannot believe that Mr. Richfield means what his words appear to connote. Isolationism is an odd charge to make against one who believes modestly in internationalism and has tried to further it; but the motives of my isolationism are, Mr. Richfield suspects, different from those of Herbert Hoover. This, presumably, has some profound meaning, like the charge that I am accessory to the great Soviet crime, etc. I feel that I am somehow being accused of an obscure moral turpitude, and it is not a bit of use trying to defend oneself against that kind of accusation.

I still think it would be a good idea to be honest with our democratic selves rather than merely abhorrent of the Communists. In the same issue of *The Jerusalem Post* in that in which Mr. Richfield's letter appears is a New York dispatch quoting Drew Middleton, the "New York Times" correspondent in Germany, for some alarming evidence about the growth of neo-Nazi movements all over Western Germany, "who may be in power in a few years." That is what I mean about putting our own house in order. I cannot help thinking that we would all be much better off without the restoration of Nazism in Germany, and Fascism in Italy; and without a Spanish-United States "under-the-counter" alliance; and without Chiang Kai-shek: better off, and better able to assert our ideals against those of Russia, whose powerful West European "Fifth Column" is, I believe, our doing, not hers.

Of course, a great many people are today presenting the argument of the West, as Mr. Richfield has done, in terms which allow the independent thinker one of only two alternatives: passivity, out of a sense of futility and despair; and membership of the Communist Party, perhaps out of the same sense. I hope it will never be my lot to have to choose one or the other.

Yours, etc.,
DAVID COURTNEY
Kfar Shmaryahu, July 2.

With this reply by Mr. Courtney to his critics, the correspondence on the subject of Column One must be considered closed.—Ed. J.P.

JERUSALEM ART NOTES

Bezalel Students Exhibit

THE "New Bezalel School of Arts and Crafts" in Jerusalem has marked the closing of the academic year with the traditional display of students' works. These "New Bezalel" exhibitions always deserve an interested scrutiny. They are, so to say, the trial runs of tomorrow's Derby-winners of the art world. This year, however, they mean even more. To be frank, considering the average level of the usual "Jerusalem or Tel Aviv Artists Exhibitions," many of these precocious "New Bezalel" youngsters would pass the post with the adult artists, some of them even in the leading group.

To its three years' course "New Bezalel" has added this year a "Master Class" in painting under Mordehai Ardon. The work of these post-graduate students warrants abolishing the anonymity, usual in reviewing school exhibitions. There is a captivating "Girl" by Bacon, painted in shades of grey and in a technique, reminiscent of the early Yankel Adler. Engel's "Head" seen at close range in great spaces is a sound painting and "Mother" by Kluger a picture of simple strength. Baruch Kaufman exhibited near abstract compositions of an amusing charm and Marian's "Russian Compound" is excellent in its division of space and the cleverness of the graphic treatment of architecture in counterpoint to the stylized figures. Zilla London's "Fish" is a little masterpiece in sepia, and her "Loom" illustrates how descriptive almost abstract patterns can be. The "Judean Landscapes" by Lebner, the "Fish" studies by Engel and Marian's mature drawings are the other proud achievements of this young "Master Class."

Another innovation of "New Bezalel" in 50/51 was Master Steinhardt's graphic class. There is a wealth of beautiful black and coloured wood cuts and wood engravings. The little works are technically perfect and remarkably free of any influence of the teacher's style. Common to all of them is a simple straightforward approach, foreshadowing a generation of fine illustrators, growing up under Steinhardt's competent and tactful tuition.

Sound Drawing

Aschheim's class of basic drawing displays a series of sketches, which would attract attention in any "Grown Up" exhibition. They are sound and sure in line, strict in conception. None of Aschheim's pupils will ever degrade himself to slapdash "pseudo-intellectual" drawing, whatever modernist style he may choose to adopt.

The Commercial Art Class conducted by R. Deutsch-Dayan, has contributed a series of posters, such as one would like to see on our street hoardings. Many of these students' designs are a joy to behold and not to be compared with the hackneyed propaganda posters we have resignedly grown used to. The Traffic Office and the Tourists Department have ordered posters from "New Bezalel" and they will not regret it. Ch. Firth's "Give them a Roof" and "Negev" by Shlomo Wittkin are the highlights of an exemplary exhibit.

Shlomo Wittkin, by the way, is the first "New Bezalel" graduate who has joined the staff of his old school as a junior teacher.

The exhibit of Schechter's "Script" class concludes this rich array of pictorial and graphic art. We are one of the few nations who have kept the ancient and venerable art of handwriting so alive. Not only are all our sacred scrolls and secular diplomas still the monopoly of the skilled scribe, but the everyday Hebrew script has also been resuscitated. To bring forth these young scribes, able to produce a living Hebrew script out of the full mastery of its ancient forms, is the great task of Schechter's class, a task for which no better teacher could have been found. *Th. F.M.*

(Sculpture, Metal work and Hand Weaving at "New Bezalel" will be reviewed in a second article).

MARSHAL PIBUL'S THEATRICAL CAREER

STORM IN SIAM

By O. M. Green

LONDON.—CHANGES of government in Siam it has been said, always begin with a *coup d'état*. This has certainly been true since the 1932 military revolt against the absolutist rule of the late King Pradjadipok and it has been largely true of Siamese politics throughout the career of Marshal Luang Pibul Songgram.

Marshal Pibul's career has been distinctly theatrical. Born in 1897, trained as an artillery officer in France—where he has had his three children educated—he took part, as a colonel, in the *coup d'état* of 1932. He first came into the forefront of politics a year later by crushing the counter-revolution of King Pradjadipok's cousin, Prince Bovoradej. Then he became Minister of Defence, but in 1938, under the pressure of the Army, the Premier, Phy Phahol, resigned, and Marshal Pibul succeeded him.

Virtual Dictator

By 1941 he was virtually dictator of Siam. There were stories that he saw himself as a Hitler or Mussolini, and they seemed to be confirmed when, after the fall of France, he invaded Indo-China to recover Siam's "lost provinces" in Cambodia and along the Mekong River. He had to give them back after the war. In December, 1941, he made a treaty of alliance with Japan when she invaded Siam, and a month later he declared war on Great Britain.

The Siamese certainly disliked this breach with an old friend. They put Marshal Pibul in jail after the war. But he was never brought to trial, and after his release gradually made his way back into politics.

Siam's first post-war Government, under Pridi Panomyong, the leader of the resistance during the war, was not a success. Banditry was rife; prices soared; rice, Siam's greatest source of wealth, got into the hands of Chinese black-marketeers; official corruption was scandalous. The still unexplained murder of young King Ananda in April, 1947, added to the Government's discredit. In the following November there was another *coup d'état*: the Army and Air Force, led by Marshal Pibul, seized Bangkok, Pridi Panomyong fled, and Marshal Pibul again became Premier.

Since then Pibul has had to deal with three more attempted coups. A weak one was easily squashed in October, 1948; another, more serious, in February, 1949, engineered by Pridi Panomyong with naval aid, detonated a lot of ammunition but did little damage; a third coup was also easily prevented. After the third, the Deputy C.-in-C. of the Army was given his choice between execution and exile, and then sent off to Hong Kong with due military ceremony by aeroplane.

Marshal Pibul has unquestionably been an able ruler. He has stamped out banditry, restored order, stopped Chinese rice-smuggling, and raised the rice export figures to their pre-war level. The rubber industry has made a remarkable recovery, and more rice-fields have been irrigated. It is said that he is not personally popular in Siam. Yet he is a man of much personal charm and generous in private life, who has frankly tried to align Siam with the Western democracies. He recognized Bao Dai in Indo-China 12 months ago, and Siam was the first Asian State to send troops to fight for the United Nations in South Korea.

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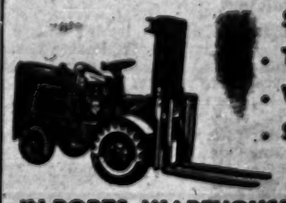

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